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Technical work: report of the Bureau on the preliminary review of notifications of final regulatory action and the proposal for a severely hazardous pesticide formulation

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Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. By its decision RC-2/2, the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade adopted a process for the preparation of draft decision guidance documents, which was subsequently amended by paragraph 14 of decision RC-6/3 and paragraph 9 of decision RC-7/3. In accordance with the process, task groups are to be established for each chemical and severely hazardous pesticide formulation scheduled for consideration by the Chemical Review Committee. Furthermore, with a view to promoting efficiency in its work, the Committee agreed on a procedure for dealing with notifications of final regulatory action to ban or severely restrict a chemical (see UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.2/6). For ease of reference, the procedure is set out in a handbook of working procedures and policy guidance for the Chemical Review Committee.[1]

2. In accordance with the procedure, the Bureau of the Committee undertook a preliminary review of the notifications of final regulatory action and the proposal for listing a severely hazardous pesticide formulation in Annex III to the Convention to be reviewed by the Committee at its eleventh meeting. The report of the Bureau on its preliminary review, including recommendations on establishment of task groups, is set out in the annex to the present note, without formal editing.

II. Proposed action

3. The Committee may wish to proceed with the review of the notifications of final regulatory action, the proposal and the supporting documentation before it and establish task groups as suggested in the present note.

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* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.11/1.

[1] Available at www.pic.int/TheConvention/ChemicalReviewCommittee/GuidancetotheExperts/tabid/1060/language/en-US/Default.aspx.

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Annex

Preliminary review of notifications of final regulatory action and the proposal for a severely hazardous pesticide formulation

1. The Bureau of the Chemical Review Committee has undertaken a preliminary review of the notifications of final regulatory action and the proposal for listing a severely hazardous pesticide formulation in Annex III to the Convention to be reviewed by the Committee at its eleventh meeting.

I. Priority setting among candidate chemicals

2. According to the procedure for dealing with notifications of final regulatory action to ban or severely restrict a chemical,[1] the Bureau classified the candidate chemicals into three groups based on whether the underlying notifications appear to meet the criteria of the Convention, pending further detailed review by the Committee. The Committee is to review all of the notifications and supporting documentation at its eleventh meeting.

(a) GROUP 1: Chemicals for which there are notifications from two or more PIC regions that appear to meet the criteria of the Convention. The chemicals in this group are atrazine, carbofuran and carbosulfan;

(b) GROUP 2: Chemicals for which there are notifications from only one PIC region that appear to meet the criteria of the Convention. There are no chemicals under this Group;

(c) GROUP 3: Chemicals for which there are no notifications that appear to meet the criteria of the Convention. There are no chemicals under this Group.

3. There is a proposal received from one PIC region: dimethoate emulsifiable concentrate 400 g/L. The proposal appears not to meet the criteria of part 3 of Annex IV to the Convention, based on the information currently available, pending further detailed review by the Committee.

II. Establishment of task groups

4. The Bureau recommends that task groups be established for each candidate chemical as proposed in tables 1 and 2 to undertake an initial review and prepare an analysis as to whether and how the individual notification or proposal meets the criteria of Annex II or the criteria of part 3 of Annex IV to the Convention, respectively.

5. The task groups work during the intersessional period, which is from 25 August to 25 October 2015. Each task group is responsible for undertaking a preliminary assessment of one of the chemicals to be reviewed at the eleventh meeting of the Committee. On the basis of the criteria set forth in Annex II or part 3 of Annex IV to the Convention, each task group will prepare a draft report that includes a review of the notification or proposal and the supporting documentation for the candidate chemical assigned to it. The draft reports will be posted on the Convention website three weeks prior to the meeting. Task groups will have an opportunity to meet on Sunday, 25 October 2015. During the plenary session of the meeting, the task group coordinators will present the results of their preliminary assessments to the Committee for its consideration.

[1] UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.2/6.

Table 1. Summary of the preliminary review of notifications of final regulatory action

Chemical name	*Notifying party*	*Criteria of Annex II*	*Task group*
Group 1			
Atrazine	European Union	All criteria met	**Coordinators** Leonarda van Leeuwen (Lead) Ana Gabriela Ramirez Salgado **Members** Alieu Sallah Amal Lemsioui Boniface Mbewe Elsa Ferreras De Sanchez Mohammed Fauzan Yunus Ram Niwas Jindal
	Cabo Verde Chad Gambia Mauritania Niger Senegal Togo	All criteria met	
Carbofuran	European Union	All criteria met	**Coordinators** Sarah Maillefer (Lead) Jeffery Goodman **Members** Jinye Sun Juergen Helbig Khalida Bashir Magdalena Frydrych Mohammed Ali Mohammed Victor N'Goka
	Canada	All criteria met	
	Cabo Verde Chad Gambia Mauritania Niger Senegal Togo	All criteria met	
Carbosulfan	European Union	All criteria met	**Coordinators** Parvoleta Angelova Luleva (Lead) Jack Holland **Members** Arturo Gavilan Garcia Gaoussou Kanouté Jung-Kwan Seo Mirijam Seng N'Ladon Nadjo Nuansri Tayaputch
	Burkina Faso Cabo Verde Chad Gambia Mauritania Niger Senegal Togo	All criteria met	

Table 2. Summary of the preliminary review of a proposal for listing a severely hazardous pesticide formulation

Severely hazardous pesticide formulation	*Proposing party*	*Criteria of Annex IV part 3*	*Task group*
Dimethoate 400 g/L EC	Georgia	Criteria Annex IV Part 3 not met	**Coordinators** Anja Bartels (Lead) Gilberto Fillmann **Members** Amal Al-Rashdan Malverne Spencer Mohamad Saleh I.T. Makki Peter Ayuk Enoh Tatiana Tugui